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Hon. W<sup>m</sup> Lloyd Garrison

Sir.

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I take the liberty of appealing to you for a little assistance. I am a poor colored man, who served one year and a half in the 43<sup>d</sup> U.S. Colored Troops during the late war, and was honorably discharged from the service in December last.

Since then I have been attacked by a rheumatism, which entirely unfits me for labor and hardly allows me to stir around at all. I suppose that this <sup>exposure</sup> disease was brought on by the experience I ~~be~~ in the Army.

If I could only get enough to procure medical





attendance I might get better.

Please do not turn a deaf ear to the appeal of one who is now in sore distress.

I am very respectfully

your obt servant  
Thomas Ross  
by Wm E Tompkins

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